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- 1 On 1 October 1949 a new law will go into effect governing the rates of pay for the Czechoslovak uniformed services. At the same time, all SNB personnel assigned to posts on the Czech-German border will be withdrawn and assigned to SNB stations in the interior of the country.
- 2 As of the end of July 1949 the strength of the SNB border stations was about 40 percent of the authorized strength. Prior to this date an intensive recruiting campaign had been in force with the intention of bringing the SNB strength up to T/O. The failure of this campaign was largely caused by the lethargy of SNB officers of the lower grades, who were supposed to carry the actual burden of recruitment. The total result of the campaign was that the numbers of new recruits were unable to balance the numbers of resignations, pensions, discharges, and arrests which were drawing off old members of the SNB.
- 3 At the time that border post personnel are withdrawn, completely new units will be installed. These units will be composed of recruits drafted for the Army but assigned to the SNB, who will wear SNB uniforms and insignia of rank. The strength of these units will be greater than that of the present SNB border units. The new personnel will be drafted for a term of two years. At the end of their term, those who have proved themselves will be allowed to enter the SNB; the others will be discharged in the normal fashion.
- 4 The plan outlined in the preceding paragraph supersedes a plan based on the recruitment of Army veterans for SNB duty. This plan was abandoned after a poor response from prospective recruits.

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